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<u>REMARKS</u>

The abstract of the disclosure was considered defective because it was not submitted on a separate page. This issue has been corrected herein.

The proposed drawing changes to FIG. 1 from the prior amendment were not considered fully responsive because the proposed changes were not properly highlighted. Enclosed herewith is a copy of FIG. 1 showing those proposed changes circled as suggested in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests approval of these drawing changes.

As a result, applicant respectfully asserts that the various outstanding matters in this case have been overcome. Further, applicant asserts that claims 26-29 and 31 as previously amended are allowable and request notification of same at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

If the Examiner feels that any matter in this case requires further attention prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance, he is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the abstract by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The Abstract has been replaced with the following new Abstract:

-- A relatively tall embodiment of a lottery ticket dispenser with a small footprint is fitted onto the countertop of a check-out counter of a retail store. The dispenser includes a housing, the top of which is flat so as to provide a convenient place for customers to write checks with the tickets being displayed immediately below being highly visible to the customer.--

